
Mission

To provide free legal services to very low income families in Seminole County. Our mission is to provide very low income persons access to the legal system to empower them to become self-sufficient, improve their quality of life, and protect abused spouses, children and vulnerable senior citizens. The organization has been providing these services to the indigent community since 1975. Services are provided with the assistance of staff attorneys, a support staff and a panel of volunteer attorneys and laypersons.

Business Strategy

Section 28.2401 of the Florida Statutes provides for the inclusion of a \$16.00 filing fee to be used by governments for the specific purpose of providing and maintaining a legal aid program.

Cases pursued by the Legal Aid Society are of a civil (non-criminal) nature, specifically in the areas of family law, landlord/tenant rights, and guardianship law and elderly law.

In FY 2001/2002, the Legal Aid Society obtained \$310,502 in child support, alimony and child support arrears for low income families in Seminole County. This income support not only helps the direct recipient but also flows immediately to our local economies, generating income and jobs for working Seminole County residents that would otherwise be lost in our county.

Objectives

Continue to provide free legal assistance and to improve the quality of life for indigent individuals in Seminole County.

